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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP TO FRASER HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
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1. IN COURSE OF FEB 15 HEARINGS, DEP ASST SEC OAKLEY
PROMISED PROVIDE LATER ANSWERS FOR RECORD ON SEVERAL
MATTERS RAISED I; TESTIMONY BY BEN ANDERSON. ANDERSON
AND OTHER STATEMENTS BEING POUCHED. REQUEST EMBASSY
PROVIDE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION OR BEST JUDGMENT ON
FOLLOWING TWO QUESTIONS.

A. CITING JAN 11 EDITION OF MERDEKA AS SOURCE, ANDERSON
TESTIFIED THAT 61 PERCENT OF MPR MEMBERSHIP IS APPOINTED
BY PRESIDENT. REQUEST EMBASSY PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION
ON CATEGORIES OF MPR MEMBERSHIP BY METHOD OF SELECTION
(E.G. 360 ELECTED MEMBERS OF DPR OF WHICH SO MANY FROM
EACH GROUP; 100 APPOINTED MEMBERS OF DPR OF WHICH 25
MILITARY APPOINTED BY MIN HANKAM, 25 CIVILIANS APPOINTED
BY-PRESIDENT, ETC.). NO FULL CURRENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE
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HERE ON METHODS SELECTION OTHER 46 MEMBERS OR THEIR PARTY
AFFILIATIONS, IF ANY. REQUEST ANY COMMENTS ON MERDEKA
ARTICLE EMBASSY BELIEVES MAY BE USEFUL.

P. IN CHALLENGING DEPT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT STATEMENT
THAT GOI "STATES THAT NO PERSONS RELEASED FROM DETENTION

HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN RE-ARRESTED", ANDERSON CITED TEMPO REPORT OF DEC 3, 1977, QUOTING ADM. SUDOMO AS SAYING GOVT HAD BEEN "ARRESTING" ABOUT 500 PERSONS ANNUALLY IN PREVIOUS YEARS IN CONNECTION WITH GESTAPU-PKI AFFAIR. ANDERSON FURTHER CITED KOMPAS OF DEC 23, 1977 (APPARENTLY ERRONEOUSLY LISTED IN FOOTNOTES TO STATEMENT AS 1975) AS QUOTING SUDOMO THAT "AT LEAST 200 FORMER PRISONERS" ARE ARRESTED ANNUALLY. WHILE THERE IS OBVIOUS CONFUSION IN ANDERSON TESTIMONY WHETHER CITATIONS RELATE TO FIRST TIME ARRESTS OR RE-ARRESTS, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON ACCURACY OF CITATIONS. DEPT'S HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT CLEARLY INDICATED, BASED ON GOI STATEMENTS, THAT SOME GESTAPU-CONNECTED ARRESTS TOOK PLACE IN 1977 BUT, AS NOTED ABOVE, CITED "GOVERNMENT" (I.E., SUDOMO) AS STATING NO RELEASED DETAINEES HAD BEEN REARRESTED.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION AND VIEWS BY END FIRST WEEK OF MARCH. VANCE

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